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Best Victory Total for Pitcher Since 1934 Looms for Bonham, With 7 in Row

Win, Lose or Draw

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As Things Shape Up at the Quarter Pole

The way the major league races shape up now it looks as if the World Series—if there is a World Series—will be between the Yankees and Brooklyn for a second straight time. October, of course, is a long way off and the Bums may find themselves threatened or beaten by the Cards or Reds, or both. As for the Yankees, they could make a farce of the American League race again.

If there is any club that can lick the Bombers it hasn't looked that good yet. The Cleveland Indians, under young Lou Boudreau, got off to a fine start and they're still not far off the Yankee's pace. But it figures to be only a question of time before the loss of Bob Feller will be felt. Feller was the guy who could stop a losing streak.

On their first trip to Washington the Yankees seemed to think most of their trouble this year would come from the Boston Red Sox. Red Ruffing and Bill Dickey were talking about the race one day in their dugout. "The Red Sox have good power," said Ruffing, "and they're hard to beat in their own park." Dickey agreed with his teammate.

Now Hassett Becomes a Yankee Hero

As they stand now, the Yankees probably have too much class to be overhauled from this point on. Of course, the loss of Di Maggio or Gordon could change the picture, but the Yankees could lose almost anybody else and still function.

They have proved this. When they lost Gehrig, a journeyman, handy-man named Babe Dahlgren took over first base and the Yankees won the pennant and the world championship easily. After Dahlgren they won with Johnny Sturm and, when Sturm was drafted, they obtained Buddy Hassett from the National League. Now it looks as if they are going to win with him, too.

That's the way it is. Take a cog or two from the Yankees—to repeat, not Di Maggio or Gordon—and they roll right along as usual. This year they opened without Red Rolfe on third base and without Sturm at first, and they have proved the class of the league.

Hassett is no great first baseman. If he were the Yankees would have had difficulty getting him out of the National League. He came, you know, from the Braves, who need all the good players they can get. But Hassett, nevertheless, has been one of the heroes of the club.

Being a Yank Does Something to Them

Because he is 30 years old and because he never has hit higher than .310 his average back in 1936 when Hassett broke into the majors with Brooklyn—the Bombers gave young Ed Levy first crack at first base. But Levy lacked the experience and was sent away. Joe McCarthy was going to sink or swim with Hassett, and so far Buddy is swimming very strongly. His .314 average is third high on the club. Not only is he out-hitting Di Maggio by 49 points, but he is leading Heinrich, Rizzuto, Keller and Selkirk by margins much wider. In fact, Hassett comes pretty close to being the best first baseman in the American League at the moment.

The Yankees have a way of absorbing mediocre players and making them play above their heads. It's like playing golf with three dubs as against playing with three experts; you invariably play better with the good boys.

The Yanks do things to ball players. They are used to winning and they manage to make contagious their esprit de corps, plus their winning ways, to the Hassetts, Dahlgrens and Zacharys, who came from other clubs with records only fair and played over their heads. In 1928, washed up, Zachary was released by Washington. In 1929 he won 12 games and lost none for the Yankees. That's what environment, plus luck, can do.

Milwaukee Bolsters First-Place Margin By Walking to Win

By the Associated Press.

The attempt of the Milwaukee Brewers to bolster their first place margin before taking on the Chicago Cubs today was successful. Milwaukee picked up more ground last night and now leads the Blues by 2½ games in their fight for American Association honors.

The Brewers were restricted to a mere four hits yesterday at Louisville, but they made the most of eight walks off Pitcher Lou Lucier to whip the Colonels, 4 to 3. The defeat was Louisville's 11th by one run and dropped it to last place.

Kansas City, meantime, got few hits and even fewer walks off George Gill at Indianapolis and wound up a 5 to 0 shutout victim.

Great Lakes' Victory Over Camp Grant Is 14th in Row

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, May 28.—Great Lakes' baseball winning streak stood at 14 games today after the sailors' victory in yesterday's charity game with the soldiers of Camp Grant.

The triumph, before 9,966 persons who contributed \$10,455 to the Army-Navy relief fund, was by a 4-to-1 margin.

Until the ninth they had a shut-out on the two-hit pitching of Don Godfredsen.

The game marked a resumption of baseball rivalry that started between Great Lakes and Camp Grant in World War I. The soldiers won all three games played in the series 25 years ago.

Strincevich Setting Dizzy Slab Pace With Toronto

By the Associated Press.

Nick Strincevich, who has done a lot of traveling since he entered organized baseball, may resume his wanderings—and in the right direction—if he continues his brilliant pitching for Toronto.

Last night he hurled Toronto into third place by limiting Montreal to three hits for a 2-1 victory. It was Nick's fourth straight since joining Toronto from the Pittsburgh Pirates May 15.

Official Score

	B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
BOSTON	4	2	1	2	0	0
Di Maggio, cf	4	2	1	2	0	0
Pecky, ss	4	2	1	2	0	0
Fox, 2b	4	2	1	2	0	0
Williams, lf	4	2	1	2	0	0
Doerr, 3b	4	2	1	2	0	0
Finney, 1b	4	2	1	2	0	0
Conroy, c	4	2	1	2	0	0
Judd, p	4	2	1	2	0	0
Totals	38	10	13	27	13	2

	B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
WASHINGTON	4	0	0	0	0	0
Case, lf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Spence, cf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Charlark, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Etzel, 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0
Vernon, 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0
Frank, c	4	0	0	0	0	0
Repass, p	4	0	0	0	0	0
Newsom, p	4	0	0	0	0	0
Corraque, p	4	0	0	0	0	0
Corley, p	4	0	0	0	0	0
Cahoon, p	4	0	0	0	0	0
Cumblin	4	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	1	6	27	10	1

*Batted for Carraque in eighth.
*Batted for Cahoon in ninth.

Runs batted in—Williams (.2), Pecky (.3), Fox (.2), Two-base hit—Etzel. Sacrifices—Newsom, Judd. Double plays—Repass, Doerr, and Pecky. Errors—Doerr, Finney, Evans and Repass. Pitches—Repass, 8; Newsom, 8; Corraque, 8; Corley, 8; Cahoon, 8; Cumblin, 8.

Washington 8, bases on balls—Off Newsom, 3; off Corraque, 2; off Corley, 1; off Cahoon, 1; off Cumblin, 1. Wild pitch—Newsom. Losing pitcher—Newsom. Umpires—Messers, Passarella, Hubbard and McGowan. Time—2:15. Attendance—17,000.

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Yank Ace Sticks To Torrid Pace By Beating A's

White Sox Nose Out Tribe; Dodgers Top Braves by Rally

By JUDSON BAILEY,
Associated Press Sports Writer.

The most coveted pitching goal in the major leagues is 30 victories in a season. It is much more valuable, and a whole lot more difficult to obtain, than a no-hitter.

The feat hasn't been accomplished since Dizzy Dean had his great season for the St. Louis Cardinals in 1934 and it hasn't been done in the American League since 1931, when Robert Moses (Lefty) Grove won 31 for the Philadelphia Athletics.

After Bob Feller traded his baseball togs for a Navy uniform last winter there didn't seem to be a pitcher anywhere with even a remote possibility of gaining the pinnacle this season—or next, either.

Yet, Ernie (Tiny) Bonham, big right-handed ace of the New York Yankees apparently has found the right trail and his chances look about as good as Feller's ever did.

Misses Fifth Shutout. Bonham bagged his seventh straight victory yesterday, 8-3, from the Philadelphia Athletics. The crowd at Yankee Stadium, where he hadn't been scored upon all season, was hoping he would get his fifth shutout. He missed this, but he pitched an expert seven-hit game without allowing a walk.

The big fellow is a trikot specialist such as Dean or Grove or Feller, but his "forkball" is something the opposing batters usually pop up and his control is amazing. In the seven games he has pitched this season he has walked only five batters.

He may not win 30 games, because there are only 24 weeks in a season and he may not get to work often enough. But with a team like the world champions behind him he is not likely to lose many and at present he is right on the beam—approximately one-fourth the victories in approximately one-fourth the season.

The Yanks gave Bonham a five-run boost in the fourth inning yesterday, three of the runs coming on a homer by Tom Henrich, which enabled the champs to coast to their 16th victory in 19 games.

Haynes Wins for Chisox. Chicago's usually weak-hitting White Sox collected 17 hits at Cleveland, but had plenty of trouble taming the Indians, 9-7. Three of the Tribe's 10 hits were homers and it remained for Relief Pitcher Joe Haynes to win his own game for the Sox by singling across two runs in the eighth inning.

The St. Louis Browns backed up Johnny Neigelling with extra-base hitting to beat the Detroit Tigers, 5-2. Walt Judd led the attack with a homer, a double and a single. The Brooklyn Dodgers increased their National League lead to six games by beating the Boston Braves, 4-1, with a three-run ninth-inning rally that settled a hitting duel between Whit Wyatt and Jim Tobin.

Wyatt rattoned five hits and Tobin scattered seven, and the only runs until the final frame were Billy Herman's homer for Brooklyn in the first and Serby Sisti's round-tripper in the third. Then Dolph Camilli walked, Joe Medwick and Pinch-hitter Pete Reiser singled and Mickey Vernon tripled.

Walters Tames Cubs. Bucky Walters pitched seven-hit ball as the Cincinnati Reds conquered the Chicago Cubs, 10-1, with a 13-hit offensive that included a grand slam home run by Gerald Walker to climax a seven-run spree in the fourth inning.

The surging St. Louis Cardinals moved into second place slightly ahead of Boston by routing the hapless Pittsburgh Pirates, 5-3. Three errors figured in Pittsburgh's fourth straight setback.

Bob Carpenter pitched the New York Giants to a 6-2 decision over the Phils in a night game at Philadelphia.

Stars Yesterday

By the Associated Press.

Oscar Judd, Red Sox—Pitched six-hit ball to beat Nationals. Ernie Bonham, Yankees—Pitched seven-hit ball against Athletics for seventh straight victory. Walt Judd, Browns—His home run, double and single led attack on Tigers. Bucky Walters, Reds—Stopped Cubs with seven-hit pitching. Joe Haynes, White Sox—Pitched shutout ball for last four innings in relief and drove in winning runs against Indians with eighth-inning single.

GIVING THE DOUBLE PLAY THE DOUBLE CROSS

—By JIM BERRYMAN



Robinson's Keen Punch Menaces Servo Again

121st Straight Win Goal of Walloping Harlem Welter

By SID FEDER,
Associated Press Sports Writer.

NEW YORK, May 28.—The Navy took Red Cochran and his welterweight championship out of circulation just about the time Ray Robinson was due to get a crack at the crown, so the Harlem Hammer is going to try to take this loss out on Coast Guardsman Marty Servo in Madison Square Garden tonight.

The chances are he'll do all right, too. Although he had a tough time whipping Marty the last time they tangled, last September, the skinny swatter is 1 to 4 or more to repeat and chalk up his 121st straight victory in his unbeaten run as an amateur and pro. This corner likes him to win the 10-round decision. Some 15,000 of the faithful are expected to turn out for the bout and chip in to a gross pot of \$40,000 or so to see the Hammer do his stuff. There's a slim chance they may be surprised, because Servo, a baby-faced kid out of Schenectady, has the crowding, hooking style which figures to make trouble for the upturn thumper.

But all in all, Robinson has the speed, the boxing ability and the punching power to take care of the old-Stater in his usual style. He's particularly adept with a haymaker right that has made the birdies sing for more than two-thirds of his 31 professional opponents.

Yet, he had to turn on the heat at a fearful clip in their first get-together in Philadelphia last fall to pull out the decision in the final chapter. And on that occasion, Servo was just out of a sick-bed a week or so and insists he wasn't ready for a tough 10 rounds.

Servo, who served a three-year hitch in the National Guard before enlisting in the Coast Guard, is a cousin of Lou Ambers, the ex-weight boxing boss, and has picked up quite a few of the Herkimer Hurricane's neater boxing tricks.

He's also using a pair of Lou's old boxing shoes, because he figures they're good luck charms.

On that basis, a couple of horse-shoes (in his gloves) wouldn't hurt a bit tonight.

Norfolk Tars to Play All-Star Army Nine At Polo Grounds

By the Associated Press.

NORFOLK, Va., May 28.—Norfolk Naval Training Station's star-studded baseball team, coasting along with 33 victories and 4 defeats, will battle an all-star Army team at the Polo Grounds in New York on Sunday, June 14.

This is one of three such games which will be played by the sailors in which proceeds will benefit the Army and Navy relief funds.

The Tars will meet Baltimore of the International League on June 10, while on June 21 they go to Washington, where they mix with the soldiers of Camp Lee.

Successive Games Under Arcs Acid Test for Night Play Here

Tonight to Show if Late Start Can Lure Fans Despite Nats' Low-Grade Baseball

By BURTON HAWKINS.

Local night baseball will receive its sulphuric test tonight when it sheds its coating of novelty and begins to resemble an ordinary event. For the first time in the history of major league baseball a club will be performing under arcs on successive nights at home.

Thus far Prexy Clark Griffith of the Nats has had no occasion to rue the costly installment of those eight cloud-scraping towers. Last night a crowd of 17,000 saw the Nats drop a 10-1 decision to the Red Sox and appear pretty horrible in the process. If the Nats lure that many patrons tonight local citizens may be accused of being descendants of light-loving moths.

The point we are making is that customers—or at least not more than a dozen of them—will be attracted by the Nats. If there is a sizable gathering tonight it will have been lured to Griffith Stadium to glimpse Boston's outfit or merely to bask in the brilliance of that terrific candlepower.

Test of Night Game Policy. In that respect the game should be intriguing. If a respectable crowd converges on Mr. Griffith's plant the elderly gentlemen's eloquent plea will be justified by flattering night attendance the remainder of the season.

Washington's attendance at night games this year probably will chart the course of future major league night baseball. If the Nats continue to entice large crowds at night there may be a general shift toward more night baseball, for if the Nats can attract fans with their current club they owe it all to Mr. Edison.

Should Washington fans develop

a studied indifference toward night baseball, however, there will be a rush to trim many evening engagements off next season's schedule. As a novelty, night baseball has been a success, but the St. Louis Browns have discovered night baseball and losing teams still add up to pathetic crowds.

Wynn on Hill Tonight. Early Wynn, who has failed to finish any of his last four starts, will face the Red Sox tonight at 9 o'clock, with Charley Wagner slated to pitch for Boston. The Nats will entrain for New York after the game, facing the Yankees in a single game tomorrow and a double-header on Saturday before shifting to Boston for a Sunday twin bill.

Buck Newsom absorbed his fourth straight whipping last night as Oscar Judd limited Washington to six hits. Bobby Etzel prolonged a batting streak to 11 straight games and that constitutes the lone complimentary item the Nats achieved.

Bunts Befuddle Nats. Boston revealed Washington's inept treatment for bunts, embarrassing the Nats considerably by beating out four. The Nats were handicapped by a 10-1 defeat.

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Five Corporals Among Six Soldiers in P. G. A. Tournament

Dutra's Twin Sons Are Adept at Golf; Pillsbury Is Fourth of His Clan to Row for Yale

By HUGH FULLERTON, Jr.,
Wide World Sports Writer.

NEW YORK, May 28.—One-minute sports page—There was only one private, Jack Isaacs of Langley Field, Va., in the six-man Army contingent in the P. G. A. tournament; all the rest were corporals. Betty Robinson, who was Olympic track champion in 1928, is working in one of the War stamp booths at Lincoln Fields. They're blaming the war for the absence of squawks in the Kitty League this season. The circuit had a tough time lining up six umpires to work for \$150 a month and expenses and apparently the wolves are afraid to get too tough or those six will head for the Army or defense plants. Horsemen at the Belmont complain that they have to pay \$38 a ton for the stuff they feed their nags—who said that ain't hay? Today's guest star—Arthur

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Cleaning the cuff—The reason Heinz Becker likes to play first base for the Milwaukee Brewers is that he found it "too lonesome" when he was an outfielder. One of the promising performers in the four-round preliminary, he made his pro debut in a six and Robinson never went that distance except when he picked the fourth to flatten an opponent. Marty had won 46 successive fights when Ray stopped his streak last year; Robinson now has won 31 straight as a pro. Tulane sent the name of six 1941 seniors to Arch Ward of the Chicago Trib for the all-star football ballot. Five of them are in the Navy or will be by next month. George Pillsbury, recently elected Yale crew cap-

tain, is the fourth member of that Minneapolis family to pull an oar for the Blue. Seems that Minneapolis sends the flour of its youth to Yale.

Chippers off the old block—Maurice Dutra, one of Golf Pro Maurice Dutra's twin sons, showed he has what it takes to win tournaments when he paced his high school team to victory in the Detroit City High League tournament the other day. He was 4 over par for the first two holes, then came back to break 80 for the first time with a neat 77. His brother, Mortie, Jr., plays on the same team.